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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Rehabilitation Agencies, Speech and Language Pathologists, Speech and Hearing Clinics, Therapy Groups, Inpatient Hospital Providers, Outpatient Hospital Providers, Nursing Homes, and Managed Care Organizations

FROM: Peggy B. Handrich, Associate Administrator
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SUBJECT: Wisconsin Medicaid Speech and Language Pathology Handbook

The Division of Health Care Financing is pleased to provide you with a copy of the new Wisconsin Medicaid Speech and Language Pathology Handbook.

The Speech and Language Pathology Handbook incorporates all current Wisconsin Medicaid speech and language pathology information into a single reference source. This handbook replaces most prior speech and language pathology publications including Part O, Speech and Hearing Services Handbook (see below for a list of publications that this handbook replaces).

This handbook does **not** replace the All-Provider Handbook and all-provider *Updates*, the Wisconsin Administrative Code or Wisconsin Statutes. Subsequent changes to speech and language pathology policy will be published, first in *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Updates*, and later in Speech and Language Pathology Handbook revisions.

Additional Copies of Publications

All *Updates* and the Speech and Language Pathology Handbook can be downloaded from the Medicaid Web site at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/.

We would like to thank everyone who reviewed this handbook.

Previous Medicaid Information

This handbook replaces the speech and language pathology information contained in the following *Updates*:

- MAPB-088-017-D.
- MAPB-090-021-D.
- 95-25: "Therapy recoding procedures."

- 97-14: “Birth to 3 Agencies may pay Medicaid insurance liability in certain situations.”
- October 1998: “Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program.”
- August 1999: “Birth to 3 and natural environments.”
- 2000-19: “Clarification of Birth to 3 and the Individualized Family Service Plan.”
- 2000-24: “Prior authorization of maintenance therapy.”
- 2000-55: “Medicaid requirements for speech-language pathology providers and non-billing performing providers.”
- 2000-60: “Prior authorization requests may now be faxed.”
- May 2001: “Clarification of prior authorization fax procedures.”
- 2001-37: “Introducing the revised PA/TA.”
- 2001-44: “Therapy providers eligible for natural environment enhanced reimbursement when providing services to children in the Birth to 3 Program.”